

## QC exits rabies list with pet vax

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A QUEZON City official on Sunday credited a decline in the cases of rabies to the city's intensified pet vaccination campaign.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, they continue to conduct anti-rabies vaccination drives as well as spay and neuter procedures in the city's 142 villages, city veterinarian Dr. Ana Marie Cabel said.

"Rabies can be easily transmitted. That's why we continue to go around and provide free anti-rabies vaccines despite a low incidence of rabies. We also offer spay and neuter to control the animal population," she said.

To impound stray animals that are usually the carrier of rabies virus is another measure to protect the public, Cabel said.

"Rabies can be fatal to humans if not treated," she warned.

From being one of the top 10 cities with highest rabies cases in the Philippines in 2018, Quezon City is no longer on the list.

Based on the data of the Department of Agriculture - Bureau of Animal Industry, the city has recorded a 65 percent drop in rabies cases from 2018 to 2019.

From 17 cases, the city was able to bring down its number to eight.